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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Shea, Valois
Subject: Black Hills Uranium Mining

Dear Valois

I have read that I can email comments about the EPA's plan to allow Azarga/Powertech to mine Uranium near the Black Hills of SD to you such that they will be considered during the approval process.

While serving in the Air Force many years ago, I worked in a radio lab collecting and detecting information on who was doing what around the world as far as developing nuclear arms. It was exciting and fascinating work. While I understand that this proposed mine would be to gather material for peaceful means, it is painfully obvious to me that doing so puts clean water at risk. Furthermore, permitting a foreign company a permit to ship in and inject waste material from other places is totally unacceptable.

Later in my career with the Forest Service part of my duties were to survey and catalog the many abandon mines around the area. It is obvious that mining companies care little about what they pollute and what they leave behind. The EPA nor any other governmental agency seems to be able to protect the American citizens from mining companies. When all the old mines and dumps are cleaned up and programs to monitor and enforce rules against the mining companies such that the companies and their share holders can be held responsible for what they destroy, I maybe can understand a time when we could consider such actions, but that time has never happened yet and seems to be a long ways off before we get there.

I am very against the proposed Uranium mining and disposal of waste in this area. I do not feel that government currently has the power to protect the American people and our unrecoverable resources such as fresh water.

I hope that the EPA will do all it can to deny any and all proposed Uranium mining and waste disposal projects that would affect such aquifers as the Inyan Kara and the Minnelusa or any other water source. I value clean water more then off shore profits of off shore mining companies. Politicians may be swayed by payoffs and the promises of jobs in the area, but I expect the EPA to decline these permits because they clearly cannot monitor them therefor should not allow them to proceed.

If the waste that is to be pumped into the Minnelusa aquifer is so safe, let the owners and shareholders of Azarga/Powertech pump it into the ground in their own backyard for their children to enjoy.

Sincerely,

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